

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 079

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REEDLEY
OUTLINING THE COMPENSATION PRACTICE FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS PARTICIPATING IN MUTUAL AID ACTIVITIES FOR
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FEDERAL FIRE AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Reedley Volunteer Fire Department actively participates in Statewide Mutual Aid activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and Federal Fire Agencies, at times of severe wildfire conditions, and other emergencies often have the need of emergency apparatus and/or personnel to provide fire protection or perform other tasks during control actions: and

WHEREAS, the requirements for responding to emergencies under the “Agreement for Local Fire and Emergency Assistance to the State of California and Federal Fire Agencies,” hereinafter referred to as the “California Fire Assistance Agreement,” are the same for career or volunteer firefighting personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Reedley Volunteers participating in the California Mutual Aid System take time away from their respective employers to assist in mitigating severe wildfires and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Reedley Volunteers respond on both City owned and State owned (assigned to Reedley) fire apparatus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Reedley resolves as follows:

1. Reedley Volunteer Firefighters shall be reimbursed portal to portal (time of dispatch to time of return to home fire station) at hourly rates based on their respective positions/titles (i.e. firefighter, engineer, captain) when responding outside their primary jurisdiction to emergencies as outlined in the California Fire Assistance Agreement.
2. All compensation paid to Reedley Volunteer Firefighters as set forth in item 1 above shall subject to approval by the City and applicable State and/or Federal Fire Agencies, and shall be paid by the City.
3. The hourly rates shall be reviewed and a salary survey detailing the rate of pay for each position/title will be completed and submitted to the State of California, Office of Emergency Services in April of each year.
4. Nothing herein is intended to or shall be interpreted as creating an employment relationship between the City and any volunteer firefighter, or conferring any employment right(s) upon any volunteer firefighter.

5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval, and shall replace and supersede Resolution 2014-091 approved on October 28, 2014.

This Resolution No. 2015-079 was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Reedley on August 11, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Betancourt, Beck, Fast, Rodriguez, Soleno.

NOES: None.

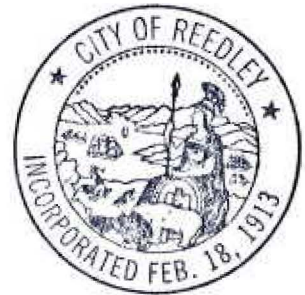
ABSTAIN: None.

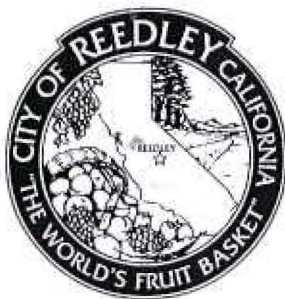
ABSENT: None.


Ray Soleno, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sylvia Plata, City Clerk





REEDLEY CITY COUNCIL


- ☒ Consent
- ☐ Regular Item
- ☐ Workshop
- ☐ Closed Session
- ☐ Public Hearing

ITEM NO: 12

DATE: August 11, 2015

TITLE: **ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-079 OUTLINING COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT PRACTICE FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PARTICIPATING IN MUTUAL AID ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FEDERAL FIRE AGENCIES.**

SUBMITTED: Jerry Isaak, Fire Chief 

APPROVED: Nicole R. Zieba
City Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 2015-079, a resolution that will outline the compensation and reimbursement practice for the members of the Reedley Volunteer Fire Department and the City when participating in mutual aid activities for the State of California and Federal Fire Agencies.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Reedley City Council previously approved and adopted Resolution 2014-091 on October 28, 2014 regarding this same subject. The State of California accepted the resolution however; further review by the Deputy State Fire Chief has prompted a change in the language in Declaration No. 2 of the resolution. The Deputy Chief indicated that the California Fire Assistance Agreement prohibits any "condition" placed upon it for reimbursement, so the language in Declaration No. 2 has been modified to remove the condition for reimbursement. This modification in no way changes how the City is reimbursed by State or Federal agencies, it just removes the conditional language.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2014-091

Resolution 2015-079

Motion: _____

Second: _____

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5. This resolution shall be retroactive in its effective date to July 1, 2014.

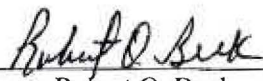
This Resolution No. 2014-091 was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Reedley on the 28th day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Soleno, Fast, Betancourt, Rodriguez, Beck.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



Robert O. Beck
Mayor of the City of Reedley

ATTEST:



Sylvia Plata, City Clerk

